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Restaurants and Drinking Places Occupation Tax Would Provide Revenue for Management of Growth

To ensure continued fiscal strength and address challenges resulting from rapid growth, high demand for resources, public infrastructure and pressure for additional staff, the City Council will be considering the implementation of a 1.5% Restaurants and Drinking Places Occupation Tax.

The proposed tax would be calculated as a percentage of gross receipts of a restaurant or drinking place from the sale of food or beverage. It would apply to any restaurant or drinking place such as, but not limited to cafés, bakeries, coffee shops, food trucks, caterers, as well as restaurants or drinking places in grocery or convenience stores and it would apply to both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Businesses that provide food and beverages are vital to the City's overall economy and while the City welcomes the many visitors these businesses bring into the community, they also impact municipal services. This tax is being contemplated as a means to share the burden equally with non-residents and residents alike. The City projects it will collect up to \$700,000 annually.

The City Council will be considering this proposed occupation tax as a part of its meeting on August 20, which will be held at La Vista City Hall at 6 p.m.

La Vista residents and businesses are encouraged to visit the City's website for more information: www.cityoflavista.org/restaurants.

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